

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 JOHANN 00787 241209Z
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-14 ISO-00 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-08
INR-10 LAB-04 NSAE-00 SIL-01 L-03 /063 W
-----118986 242219Z /62

R 241114Z MAR 78
FM AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7465
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN
AMCONSUL DURBAN
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

UNCLAS JOHANNESBURG 0787

CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

DEPT PLEASE PASS AFL-CIO

E.O.11652: N/A
TAGS: PLAB, SHUM, SF, US, UK, GW
SUBJECT: LABOR REFORM: WIEHAHN TRIP

REF: A) STATE 66742; B) JOHANNESBURG 0675

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO LABOR LEGISLATION
NIC WIEHAHN, CONFIRMED HIS PLANS TO LEAVE SOUTH AFRICA
NEXT WEEK FOR AN EXTENDED TRIP ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN THE
RAND DAILY MAIL. THE ARTICLE STATES: QUOTE:

DURING HIS MONTH LONG ABSENCE HE WILL VISIT VARIOUS EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES AND THE UNITED STATES, AND MAY ALSO GO TO BRITAIN.
PROF WIEHAHN SAID YESTERDAY THE VISIT WOULD BE PARTLY
CONNECTED TO THE COMMISSION'S WORK AND WOULD BE AIMED AT
GATHERING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SYSTEMS.
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 JOHANN 00787 241209Z

HE WAS RELUCTANT TO COMMENT FURTHER.

PROF WIEHAHN ALSO SAID THE COMMISSION WOULD NO LONGER BRING
OUT THE INTERIM REPORT ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR THE PRESENT
PARLIAMENTARY SESSION.

THE COMMISSION WAS ANXIOUS TO RELEASE ITS FINDINGS AS SOON

AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAIN IMPORTANT SECTIONS OF ITS FINAL REPORT MAY BE RELEASED IN INSTALLMENTS, HE SAID.

THE COMMISSION STILL HAD AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF WORK AHEAD OF IT AND HE WAS STILL NOT ABLE TO GIVE AN INDICATION OF WHEN THE REPORT WOULD BE COMPLETED.

"BUT I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE ARE DEEPLY CONSCIOUS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR TALKS AND ARE WORKING AS HARD AS WE CAN. THERE IS NOT TIME WASTED, AND WE ARE UTILIZING EVERY POSSIBLE MINUTE."

"TIME AND MONEY WISE THIS IS A MOST EFFECTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE COMMISSION," HE SAID.

THERE HAD BEEN A TREMENDOUS RESPONSE FROM ALL POPULATION GROUPS AND THE COMMISSION HAD BEEN OVERWHELMED WITH EVIDENCE, PROF WIEHAHN SAID.

THE COMMISSION COMPLETED ITS LAST ORAL SESSION IN PRETORIA THIS WEEK.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ARE NOW FACED WITH THE MAMMOTH TASK OF WORKING THROUGH 25,000 PAGES OF WRITTEN EVIDENCE, OF WHICH 18,000 PAGES CAME FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. UNQUOTE.

JOHNSON
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 JOHANN 00787 241209Z

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEE.

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LABOR UNIONS, VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 24 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978JOHANN00787
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780131-0240
Format: TEL
From: JOHANNESBURG
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780329/aaaaaxvv.tel
Line Count: 96
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 06f537be-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 66742, 78 JOHANNESBURG 675
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3213502
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LABOR REFORM: WIEHAHN TRIP
TAGS: ELAB, SHUM, SF, US, UK, GE, (WIEHANN, NIC)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/06f537be-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014